

# MINUTES

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladislaus B. Dombrowski Board Room  
John A. Hannah Building  
608 West Allegan  
Lansing, Michigan

December 12, 2002  
12:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Mrs. Sharon L. Gire, Vice President  
Mr. Michael David Warren, Jr., Secretary  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser, Treasurer  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate  
Mr. John C. Austin  
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer  
Mrs. Sharon A. Wise  
Mrs. Kimberly Wells, representing Governor John Engler, ex officio

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### II. AGENDA MATERIALS

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 9, 2002
- B. Recommendations Regarding *Education Yes!* Cut Scores
- C. Approval of Definition of Size of Subgroups for Purposes of Calculating Adequate Yearly Progress
- D. Revised Resolution Honoring Michael David Warren, Jr.
- E. Revised Resolution Honoring Sharon A. Wise
- F. Update on the No Child Left Behind Act Including Information on State Board of Education's Responsibilities and Time Line
- G. 2002-2003 Summer Institutes for the Arts, Sciences, and Technology
- H. 2002-2003 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 9, 2002 - added to agenda
- B. Approval of Definition of Size of Subgroups for Purposes of Calculating Adequate Yearly Progress - added to agenda
- C. 2001-2002 Supplemental Funds for Strengthening Programs to Prevent Risk Behaviors that Result in HIV Infection, Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Unintended Pregnancy Among American Indian/Alaskan Native Youth, Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Program Announcement Number 805, School Health Programs to Prevent Serious Health Problems and Improve Educational Outcomes – added to agenda
- D. 2002-2003 Summer Institutes for the Arts, Sciences, and Technology – Continuation - added to agenda
- E. 2002-2003 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants – Initial - added to agenda

**Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### IV. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education and guests attending the meeting.

### V. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of Whole Meeting of November 14, 2002
- B. Approval of State Board of Education Minutes of November 14, 2002
- C. Approval of Record of Committee of Whole Meeting of December 9, 2002

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education approve the: (1) Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 14, 2002, and (2) Minutes of November 14, 2002.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 9, 2002.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. APPROVAL OF CUT SCORES FOR ACHIEVEMENT STATUS FOR *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools*

Mrs. Straus said that the Board discussed the cut scores for elementary and middle school achievement status for *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools* during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Mrs. Wise moved, seconded by Mrs. Straus, that the State Board of Education approve the cut scores for elementary and middle school achievement status for *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools*, as discussed during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting, and as included as Attachment A of the Superintendent's memorandum of December 12, 2002.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR CUT SCORES FOR ACHIEVEMENT CHANGE FOR *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools*

Mrs. Straus said that the Board discussed the policy for cut scores for achievement change for *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools* during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Mr. Warren moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education approve the policy for cut scores for achievement change for *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools*, as discussed during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting, and as included as Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 12, 2002.**

Mrs. Gire said she thought school change would be measured using scaled scores rather than labels. She said she believes this is a separate policy issue that should be voted on independently from cut scores.

Mrs. Weiser said trying to calculate change over the same time period as fulfilling the progressive increase requirement of No Child Left Behind is the smartest thing to do for Michigan schools, and two contradictory systems should not be established.

Mrs. Wise said an endpoint is needed to plot the slope over a twelve year period so schools know what their target is, therefore she supports the motion.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise**  
**Nays: Gire**

**The motion carried.**

VIII. APPROVAL OF CUT SCORES FOR ACHIEVEMENT GROWTH FOR *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools*

Mrs. Straus said that the Board discussed the cut scores for achievement growth for *Education YES! - A Yardstick for Excellent Schools* during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Watkins said the Accreditation Advisory Committee recommends that the Board delay the implementation of the student growth measure. He, however, indicated that his recommendation is to accept the interim solution of the Accreditation Advisory Committee and include the student growth measure when the report card is issued early next year.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education: (1) accept the recommendation of the Accreditation Advisory Committee and delay the implementation of a student growth measure until such time as the state creates a cross-grade Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) score scale as an integral part of the new assessment system being developed to comply with No Child Left Behind; and (2) accept the recommendation of the Accreditation Advisory Committee that the weights for the two achievement measures, School Status and School Change, be set at 34 and 33 respectively.**

Mr. Watkins asked if anyone in the audience wished to offer comments. The following individuals asked for an opportunity to address the State Board of Education:

- Mr. Roger Swaim, Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association, said the delay is appropriate, because schools want accurate information as feedback to make appropriate changes.
- Mr. Jim Sandy, Michigan Business Leaders for Education Excellence and the Michigan Chamber Foundation, asked what the timeline is for release of the report cards for schools. Mr. Watkins said as soon as possible. Mr. Sandy said he would like to move forward as soon as possible, and he supports the State Superintendent's recommendation.
- Mr. Ray Telman, Middle Cities Education Association, said it is important to know if there are schools that have high status scores and high change scores in addition to great mobility. He said he supports the State Superintendent's recommendation.
- Ms. J. Kelli Sweet, Michigan Council for the Social Studies, said she supports the State Superintendent's recommendation. Ms. Sweet said she was recently in a school that has 75% of its students receiving free and reduced lunch, and the school made a growth of 20 points in social studies. Ms. Sweet said positive growth should be celebrated.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus**

**Nays: Gire, Warren, Weiser, Wise**

**The motion failed.**

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education approve the cut scores for achievement growth for elementary and middle schools, as included in Attachment C of the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 12, 2002. This growth score is expressed in terms of the interim solution recommended by the Accreditation Advisory Committee.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Austin, Gire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise**  
**Nays: McGuire**

**The motion carried.**

Mrs. Straus said the Board has just completed the approvals for the measurements of *Education YES!*. Mrs. Straus said the Board should be proud of this accomplishment and should continue to watch and learn during the implementation of *Education YES!*

Mr. Warren reminded the Board that the rubric for humanities and arts should include indicators of American History and Principles of American Government.

Dr. Moyer said the approval process for *Education YES!* is an excellent example of democracy in action. Dr. Moyer said input from the Accreditation Advisory Committee, the business community, organizations, and other interested parties, is a process that should be used in the future.

**IX. APPROVAL OF DEFINITION OF SIZE OF SUBGROUPS FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULATING ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS**

Mrs. Straus said that the Board discussed the definition of size of subgroups for purposes of calculating adequate yearly progress during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education approve 30 as the minimum group size number for the disaggregation of subgroup data for purposes of calculating a school building's, school district's, and the state's Adequate Yearly Progress, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 12, 2002.**

**Ayes: Austin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise**  
**Abstain: Gire**

**The motion carried.**

**X. RECEIVE THE REPORT REGARDING GRADE LEVEL PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS**

Mr. Watkins said that the Board discussed the report regarding grade level performance expectations during the morning Committee of the Whole meeting.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Warren, that the State Board of Education receive the report regarding grade level performance expectations, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 6, 2002.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 1:00 p.m..

XI. DISCUSSION REGARDING EARLY START PRE-KINDERGARTEN POLICY PROPOSAL

Mr. Watkins said he is proposing adoption of the following policy:

Every four-year-old child in Michigan shall be offered a high quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity by the 2006 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and educational program shall be established according to nationally recognized, high quality standards. It shall be provided at no additional charge to all Michigan four year olds without reducing funding for existing education, health, and child development programs.

Mr. Watkins said his proposal is based on the work of the State Board of Education Early Childhood Literacy Task Force chaired by Mrs. Wise, and the Ready to Succeed Task Force Report, "A New Path for Our Youngest Children."

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Wise, that the State Board of Education direct the State Superintendent to prepare a more detailed report including background information, cost, and alternate approaches, for presentation at the January 23, 2003 meeting.**

Mrs. Weiser suggested that a presentation be made by the Ready to Succeed Task Force.

Mrs. Wise suggested that Mr. Joseph Gasper, from Newaygo County, be asked to present Newaygo County's interagency approach to early childhood literacy to the State Board of Education.

Mr. Warren noted the Ready to Succeed Task Force recommendation that a nonpartisan task force be appointed by the Governor and State Board of Education to study and make policy recommendations on sustainable public and private funding of universal access to early education and care. Mr. Warren encouraged the Board to think "outside the box" regarding a system based on developmental age rather than chronological age, as well as options for senior year in high school.

Mrs. Gire said that the kindergarten teacher is coping with a gap in understanding between children who have experienced preschool and those who have not.

Mrs. Wise said early literacy programs could be funded by communities via local millages, similar to the way senior citizen programs are funded.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise**  
**Absent: Austin**

**The motion carried.**

**XII. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2003**

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the meeting schedule for 2003, as attached to the State Board Executive's memorandum dated November 26, 2002.**

**Ayes: Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser**  
**Abstain: Warren, Wise**  
**Absent: Austin**

**The motion carried.**

**XIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

- A. Mr. Larry Thomas, 4195 Meadowlane, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304.  
Mr. Thomas, representing Oakland Schools, offered comments regarding Title I and Adequately Yearly Progress labels.

**XIV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Reports**

- E. Receive the Report on *"From Proposal A to A+/Financing Michigan's Public Schools: Requirements, Issues, and Options"*

**Criteria**

- F. Adoption of Criteria for 2003-2004 Michigan School Readiness Program Grants for Four-Year-Old Children At Risk of School Failure

**Approval**

- G. Approval of Interim Allocation Formula for Migrant Education Programs  
H. Approval of Position Paper on Safety Concerns in Physical Education Classes Grades PreK-12

**Resolutions**

- I. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Michael David Warren, Jr.  
J. Adoption of Resolution Honoring Sharon A. Wise

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Dr. Moyer, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda, as follows:**

- E. receive the report on “*Financing Michigan’s Public Schools: Requirements, Issues, and Options*,” as described in the Superintendent’s memorandum dated December 6, 2002;**
- F. approve the criteria for the 2003-2004 Michigan School Readiness Program Grants for Four-Year-Old Children At Risk of School Failure, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 26, 2002;**
- G. approve the funding formula for migrant education program grants under Title I, Part C of Public Law 103-383, as described in Attachment A to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 26, 2002;**
- H. approve the Position Paper on Safety Concerns in Physical Education Classes Grades PreK-12, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated November 26, 2002;**
- I. adopt the revised resolution honoring Michael David Warren, Jr.; and**
- J. adopt the revised resolution honoring Sharon A. Wise.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Gire, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Warren, Weiser, Wise**  
**Absent: Austin**

**The motion carried.**

The resolution honoring Michael David Warren, Jr. is attached as Exhibit A.

The resolution honoring Sharon A. Wise is attached as Exhibit B.

**XV. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**A. Reviewing Past Successes**

Mrs. Straus reviewed highlights of the past two very active and productive years. She said that the State Board concluded the search process for a Superintendent and selected Mr. Thomas D. Watkins who started on April 30, 2001. She further stated that five task forces were established as a result of the Board’s strategic goal to “attain substantial and meaningful improvement in academic achievement for all students, with primary emphasis on chronically underperforming schools.” She said the five task forces completed their charge and the Board approved policies on: (1) Ensuring Excellent Educators, (2) Elevating Educational Leadership, (3) Embracing the Information Age, (4) Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy, and (5) Integrating Communities and Schools.



Mrs. Straus said the Board and staff are to be commended for their work on *Education YES!* making Michigan's accreditation system comprehensive, rather than basing it solely on a single Michigan Educational Assessment Program test given on a single day. Mrs. Straus said the Board worked in a bipartisan fashion to meld the accreditation system with new federal legislation, No Child Left Behind.

B. Resolutions Honoring Sharon A. Wise and Michael David Warren, Jr.

Mrs. Straus presented Mrs. Wise and Mr. Warren with Resolutions from the State Board of Education and thanked them for their years of service to the children of Michigan. Mrs. Wise and Mr. Warren offered comments on this, the final State Board of Education meeting of their terms.

Mr. Watkins thanked Mrs. Wise and Mr. Warren for serving the citizens of Michigan and wished them well in their future endeavors.

XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Reports

- K. Update on the No Child Left Behind Act Including Information on State Board of Education's Responsibilities and Time Line
- L. Report on Administrative Rule Waivers
- M. Report to the Legislature on the First Year Implementation of All Students Achieve Program - Parent Involvement and Education (ASAP-PIE) Grants

Grants

- N. 2002-2003 Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant - Initial
- O. 2001-2002 Supplemental Funds for Strengthening Programs to Prevent Risk Behaviors that Result in HIV Infection, Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Unintended Pregnancy Among American Indian/Alaskan Native Youth, Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Program Announcement Number 805, School Health Programs to Prevent Serious Health Problems and Improve Educational Outcomes - Initial
- Q. 2002-2003 Summer Institutes for the Arts, Sciences, and Technology - Continuation
- R. 2002-2003 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Candidate Subsidy Grants - Initial

Mr. Watkins distributed copies of "Superintendent's Report" dated December 12, 2002.

Mr. Watkins said he has met with Governor-elect Granholm's Transition Team, and the Governor-elect said that education is a priority with her administration.

## XVII. COMMENTS FROM STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Dr. Moyer thanked Mrs. Wise and Mr. Warren for their service as State Board members.

Mrs. Wise commended Governor Engler for his commitment to public education by protecting the foundation grant and increasing it.

Mrs. Gire asked for an update on the Blue Ribbon Schools Program, as well as a report on federal relations at a future Board meeting.

Mrs. McGuire thanked Mrs. Wise for her friendship and bipartisan efforts. She thanked Mr. Warren for offering a different perspective to the Board.

Mrs. Wells, on behalf of the Governor, thanked Mr. Warren and Mrs. Wise for their service and presented letters from the Governor.

Mr. Watkins and Mr. Warren thanked Mrs. Wells for her work as Governor Engler's Education Advisor. Mr. Warren further thanked the Governor for appointing him to the Board.

## XVIII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. January 9, 2003 (Retreat)
- B. January 23, 2003
- C. February 27, 2003
- D. March 27, 2003

## XIX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Watkins reminded the members of the Board and those in attendance at the meeting of the reception honoring Sharon Wise and Michael David Warren, Jr. scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen N. Straus\*  
President

\*Mrs. Straus signed the minutes in lieu of Mr. Warren, who resigned from the State Board of Education effective December 17, 2002.